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REMARKS

Prior to this Amendment, the application included claims 29-33, 35-45, 48-52, 54-58, and 60-102. In this communication, we have amended claims 29 and 52, canceled claims 49, 62 and 101, and added previously presented claims 103-106. Accordingly, claims 29-33, 35-45, 48, 50-52, 54-61, 63-100, and 102-106 are presented, with claims 29, 44, 45, 52, 100, 102-104, and 106 being independent claims.

We thank the Examiner for his indication that claims 44, 45, 48, 50, 51, 54, 66-100, and 102 are allowed and that claims 35, 40-42, 49, and 62-64 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

The Examiner rejected independent claims 29 and 52 under 35 USC §102 as being anticipated by Moynihan et al. (US 6,755, 511). Applicants have amended claim 29 to include the limitation of claim 49 and have amended claim 52 to include the limitation of claim 62, and request that the rejection of these claims under 35 USC §102 be withdrawn.

Added claims 103-106 were previously presented as claims 35, 40, 41, and 54, respectively, and are written in independent form including the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

Applicants submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested.

Enclosed is a \$600 check for excess claim fees. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

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Respectfully submitted,

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